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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection  
For Week Ending 13-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 11/13/99	Previous Week 11/06/99
Bro-Fry	151,701	154,965
Lt Hens	1,795	1,741
Hvy Hens	1,586	1,457

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada  
Weeks Ending 06-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	442	0	442
Last Week	459	20	479
Same Wk Yr Ago	185	0	185
To Date 1999	20,384	249	20,633
To Date 1998	22,596	288	22,884

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,227	1,416	3,643
Last Week	2,483	1,601	4,084
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,921	1,074	2,995
To Date 1999	111,721	62,648	174,369
To Date 1998	112,096	55,712	167,808

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection  
Week Ending 06-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,731 (A)	1,785	1,416	3,201
Avg Wt	5.12	3.36	7.80	5.33
Last Week	152,012	2,024	1,581	3,605
Same Week Yr Ago	152,261	1,736	1,074	2,810
Avg Wt	5.02	3.55	7.67	4.43
To-Date/1999	6,683,638	91,337	62,399	153,736
To-Date/1998	6,438,762	89,500	55,424	144,924

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.6 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending October 30, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	31,898	27,049	44,859
Avg Weight	3.84	4.87	6.12
% Of Total /1	31%	26%	43%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,611	26,489	43,033
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.05
% Of Total /1	32%	26%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	26,624	24,404	41,808
Avg Weight	3.86	4.70	6.07
% Of Total /1	29%	26%	45%
To Date/1999	1,371,025	1,341,016	1,765,212
To Date/1998	1,477,331	1,567,262	1,263,430
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 30-Oct-99  
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,703	46	5,749
Avg Wt	0.00	24.98	25.33	24.98
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,378	35	5,413
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,693	27	5,720
Avg Wt	0.00	23.52 (B)	25.63	23.53
To-Date/1999	55	208,436 (B)	1,600	210,091
To-Date/1998	72	217,485 (B)	1,650	219,207

(B) Includes 653,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,004,000 in 1998